

Listening Scales A1 – B2

Key

Level	Statement
A1	Can understand everyday expressions dealing with simple and concrete everyday needs, in clear, slow and repeated speech.
B1	Can generally follow clear speech in everyday conversation, though in a real life situation I will sometimes have to ask for repetition of particular words and phrases.
A2	Can identify the main point of TV news items reporting events, accidents, etc. where the visual material supports the commentary.
B2	Can understand standard spoken language, live or broadcast, on both familiar and unfamiliar topics normally encountered in personal, academic or vocational life. Only extreme background noise, unclear structure and/or idiomatic usage causes some problems.
A1	Can follow speech which is very slow and carefully articulated, with long pauses for me to get the meaning.
B1	Can generally follow the main points of extended discussion around me, provided the speech is clear and in standard language.
B2	Can follow extended speech and complex lines of argument provided the topic is reasonably familiar, and the direction of the talk is clearly stated by the speaker.
B1	Can understand the information content of the majority of recorded or broadcast audio material about familiar subjects spoken relatively slowly and clearly.
B1	Can understand the main points of clear standard speech on familiar matters which occur regularly.
A1	Can understand enough to be able to meet concrete needs in everyday life provided speech is clear and slow.